

# Rights Trouble Could Hurt LBJ

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Passage of the historic Civil Rights Bill has not appeased militant Negro leaders. They are going ahead with the drives and demonstrations they had planned for the long, hot summer ahead.

This could produce repercussions which could hurt the election chances of President Johnson whom most Negroes want to keep in the White House.

The worst trouble is expected in Mississippi, where both sides are arming for a confrontation that could explode into racial war.

On one hand, the militant white organization, Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, is forming guerrilla units which have already started to carry out acts of terrorism against Negroes.

On the other hand, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee is bringing hundreds of students into Mississippi this summer to conduct freedom schools and defy the wrath of the white terrorists.

## Ready to Be Martyrs

The invading students, both white and black, are prepared to be martyrs. Not only the students but their parents

have been given indoctrination courses, warning that the young volunteers can expect beatings and bombings, injury and imprisonment.

They have been instructed never to venture out alone in Mississippi, not to expect any protection from local authorities, and parents have been advised to be ready with bail money.

## Helping Your Enemy

Meanwhile, the continuing demonstrations in the face of the civil rights victory on Capitol Hill are producing some interesting ironies.

Irony No. 1—Dozens of Negro Republicans have served notice on party leaders that they won't support Sen. Barry Goldwater if he wins the nomination. They predict that the Negro voters will cast their ballots almost unanimously against Goldwater. Yet their continued agitation, without giving the civil rights bill a chance, is winning votes for Goldwater. A summer of violence, putting President Johnson on the spot, could lead to his defeat in November.

Irony No. 2—Southern white leaders, who have bitterly denounced the Supreme Court for its decisions on civil rights, will now turn to the Supreme Court as their last hope for nullifying some of the new bill's provisions. They are filing suits, charging that the public accommodations and

other features of the bill are unconstitutional.

Thus the militant Negroes, who have been fighting in Congress and the courts for their legal rights, will go into the streets now that they have won most of their legal battles. And the militant whites, who have been defying the Supreme Court, will now appeal to it.

## No More Free Ammo

The National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice will no longer hand out free Army ammunition to rifle groups on the say-so of the National Rifle Association.

In the past, the Association's endorsement was all a group needed to get free ammunition. But some radical right-wing groups have managed to get on the free list, among them the Minutemen, a right-wing guerrilla outfit.

As a result, the National Board will now screen the membership list of all the groups which apply for ammunition.

## Romney Urges

Despite Goldwater's vote against civil rights, Michigan's Gov. George Romney has pleaded with Republican leaders to push for a strong civil rights plank in the Republican platform. He has phoned Republican leaders all over the country. George Wallace of Alabama will be on the November ballot

in more than 30 states and will win anti-civil rights votes.

## Behind the Scenes

President Johnson had planned to deliver a report to the American people on the crisis in Southeast Asia. However, he has now delayed it until the present confusion clears up . . . The Air Force has received orders to keep 45 B-57 bombers on the alert in the Philippines. They are ready for swift use if needed against the Communists in Laos or North Viet-Nam . . . Two of the Nations' top political pollsters, Elmo Roper and Louis Harris, are feuding. Roper has charged in letters to political leaders that Harris's polls are inaccurate. Roper wrote bluntly in one letter that he "has no respect" for Harris . . . Rep. John Moss of California has threatened privately to offer an amendment to the appropriations bills forbidding the use of Government money to purchase lie detectors or to pay lie detector operators . . . White House aides have urged House Ways and Means Chairman Wilbur Mills to seek further tax cuts next year to keep the economy booming. But Mills replied that he would put tax reforms ahead of tax cuts . . . An intelligence report claims that the newly discovered oil fields in Manchuria will produce all the oil that Red China needs. In the past, the Chinese have been dependent upon Russia for oil.